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UNAUTHORISED VENDORS SELLING ITEMS IN TRAINS
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that several unauthorised vendors sell catering items in the trains in connivance with the railway authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the number of guilty persons against whom action has been taken in this regard during the last three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Unauthorised hawking on railway stations and trains is a punishable offence under the Railways Act, 1989. Railway administration conducts special drives from time to time to control unauthorised hawking through prosecution and imposing penalties on such activities.

(b) and (c) Cases of connivance of railway staff with unauthorised hawkers/vendors have not come to notice. However, as a result of checks conducted during the last three years viz. 1999, 2000 and 2001, 50907, 59639 and 80514 unauthorised hawkers and vendors had been apprehended.